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SUBJECT: COURTESY CALL ON AMBASSADOR BY UNAN RECTOR FIALLOS

1. MARIANO FIALLOS OYANGUREN OF THE NICARAGUAN NATIONAL AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY (UNAN) IS LEAVING FOR A DEPARTMENT SPONSORED VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES. PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE DR. FIALLOS CALLED ON THE AMBASSADOR ON MARCH 4, 1975. DURING THE VISIT HE MADE THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS REGARDING THE CURRENT NICARAGUAN SCENE.

A. ONE OF HIS MAJOR GOALS AS UNAN RECTOR IS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS BETWEEN UNAN AND THE GON. TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL, HE HAS MET WITH GON REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL LEVELS MANY TIMES IN THE PAST YEAR AND HE INTENDS TO DO SO FOR THE REST OF HIS TERM AS RECTOR.

B. ALTHOUGH STUDENT OPPOSITION TO THIS CONCILIATORY APPROACH HAS AT TIMES BEEN VOCAL, HE HAS ACTIVELY DEFENDED HIS POSITION BEFORE OPEN STUDENT FORA, THUS DEFLATING MOST CRITICISM.

C. HE HAS FOUND PRESIDENT SOMOZA TO BE UNDERSTANDING AND OPEN TO COMPROMISE IN DISCUSSIONS ON UNIVERSITY PROBLEMS.

D. FIALLOS CONSIDERS COMMUNIST INFILTRATION AT UNAN TO BE LIGHT (HE ESTIMATED LESS THAN 1 PERCENT OF STUDENT BODY), BUT VERY VOCAL. ACTUAL COMMUNISTS ON THE FACULTY, HE BELIEVES, ARE VERY FEW, ALTHOUGH MANY FACULTY MEMBERS "LOOK FOR LEFTIST SOLUTIONS TO SOCIAL PROBLEMS".

E. FIALLOS RATED UNAN STUDENT SITUATION AS CALM, ALTHOUGH OPEN TO REPID INCITEMENT. HE NOTED STUDENT GROUPS TEND TO BE VERY VOCAL AND EXTREMIST UNTIL TIME FOR ACTION AT WHICH TIME MODERATING INFLUENCES QUICKLY APPEAR.

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F. FIALLOS STATED THAT IT APPEARED TO HIM THAT THE GON

SEEMS TO HAVE THE CURRENT NICARAGUAN DOMESTIC SITUATION UNDER CONTROL. HE FEELS, HOWEVER, THAT THE LONG RANGE FUTURE WOULD DEPEND ON ABILITY OF GON TO RECOGNIZE IN ADVANCE POLITICAL FRUSTRATIONS AND TO WORK TO REDUCE THEM TO ENSURE LONG TERM FUTURE PEACEFUL DEVELOPMENT.

2. COMMENT: THE ENTIRE CONVERSATION WAS EXTREMELY CORDIAL AND FRANK. FIALLOS EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE FOR INVITATION TO VISIT UNITED STATES AND HIS DESIRE TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH THE EMBASSY. SHELTON

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